

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 25th April/ Sunday 26th April 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)
(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)



The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary life.

PRAYER LIST:

We pray for the sick and housebound and those who have asked for our prayers:

Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Mary Rooney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, John Kisielowski, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Mary O'Keeffe, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Maria Caparco, Anne Bardell, Agnes Hughes, Mary Breadman, Martha Botelho, Peter McDonagh, Janet Boxall, Hazel Smith, Michael Blancs, Keith Flynn, Joseph Brady, Sara Reynolds, Sue Kelly, Toni & Steve Brady and family, Maureen Pannell, Rita Cuthbert, Tim Monaghan, Mark Smith and Kerry Norton.

ANNIVERSARIES: Albert Crush, Timothy Woulfe, Briget Downes, James Gilbert, Charles Lindeman, Margaret Herald, Bob Shaw, Julia Greenaway, Catherine Theophanous, Eileen Manning, James Jarvis, Susanne Kennedy, Terry Gormley, Pansy Major, Frances Gall, Yvonne Skoutari, David Barry, Patrick Cronin, Doreen Whittam, Peter Braley, John Bellew, John Gormley, Carol Ann Dewing, Tony Ferguson, Marcial Lata and Dympna Palmer.
May they rest in peace.

CONFESSIONS :

Confessions this weekend (**25th and 26th April**) will be available from Fr. Andrew between 10.00am and 10.45am on Sunday in between the Sunday Masses.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage

A small number of last-minute places are now available for the BCYS Youth Service Pilgrimage to Lourdes, open to young people currently in Year 10 and above. There are a number of funding opportunities available. Find out more and apply at: www.bcys.net/events/sl26

BCYS Youth Mass

The next Youth Masses will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on Thursday 7th May, 4th June and 2nd July. It is open to any young people from around the Diocese to enjoy pizza, prayer, workshops and celebrate Mass together! For more information, please visit www.bcys.net/events

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The office will now be open on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning. Items for the parish newsletter to be sent to the parish office at braintree@brcdt.org or relayed to Clare by Wednesday mornings. Thank you.

GIFT AID: The gift aid statements for the 2025/2026 tax year are now available. If any donor would like their copy please ask Clare in the office or call me directly on (07925 361023).

Chris Dayer.

PLEASE SPONSOR ELIZABETH PLUMB (FOR BCCS):

On the 17th May I will be running the Zoo Stampede 10k and will be raising money for “**Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society**”. If you are able to spare a little, I would be very grateful.

Thank you

Elizabeth

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/fundraising/elizabeth-plumb?new=true>

MISSIO RED BOX ANNUAL COLLECTION 2025:

The total raised in our Parish through Red Box collections and direct donations came to £863.52. Thank you so much to all who contributed to this sum. Our missionary community here at Our Lady Queen of Peace is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance.

God Bless

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: There will be a second collection this weekend for “The Promotion of Vocations”. Gift Aiders, please use your second collection envelopes.

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS FOR WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK:

Walsingham House at Abbotswick is set in 14 acres of land which require a lot of care. There is an amazing team of grounds volunteers who help every Tuesday to maintain the gardens and keep everything thriving. It would be wonderful to extend the team, so if you have some free time on a Tuesday, whether it’s an hour or two or a whole day and would like to get involved please contact clairebailey@brcdt.org or just come along on a Tuesday morning and get involved!

VACANCY:

The Governors of St Mary’s Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch, are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher. **Closing date: Friday 1st May 2026 at 5pm / Interview Date: Monday 18th May 2026.**

Enquiries can be made by email to admin@stmcps.co.uk or phone 01708 448430.

